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# Funding Newsletter

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Grant Opportunities and Resources for M-DCPS Educators, Students and Families



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## November 2014

### Best Buy Foundation Accepting Applications for National Youth Technology Program

The Best Buy Foundation is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations for its National Youth Technology Program. The program provides youth with access to new technologies, and helps them become interested and fluent in digital learning while developing skills that better prepare them for future education and career success. Eligible applicants must be nonprofit organizations with existing out-of-school time programs with a proven track record of serving youth between the ages of 13 and 18 in underserved communities. In addition, programs must operate within twenty-five miles of a Best Buy store or other Best Buy center of operations; have a commitment to diversity and inclusion; be willing to integrate Geek Squad Academy curricula into existing programming (if appropriate); and have the ability to conduct programming in multiple targeted sites across the country.



Children's Foundation

**Award:** up to \$200,000

**Deadline:** November 1, 2014

<https://corporate.bestbuy.com/best-buy-foundation-national-partnership-request-for-proposals/>

### The Leavey Awards Honoring Excellence

This annual program that recognizes educators at the elementary, junior high school, high school, and college levels for innovative and effective techniques related to the teaching of entrepreneurship and the free enterprise system. Up to twenty cash awards of \$7,500 each will be awarded. In addition, one meritorious award of \$15,000 may be presented for an outstanding entry. To be eligible, nominees must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States employed full-time as an educator at an accredited American school (grades K-12), college, or university.

**Award:** Up to \$15,000

**Deadline:** November 1, 2014

<http://www.freedomsfoundation.org/awards-programs>

### ArtPlace America Creative Placemaking Projects

ArtPlace America, a nationwide initiative to drive community revitalization through the arts, is inviting Letters of Inquiry for the fifth round of its National Grants program. A collaboration of thirteen major national and regional foundations, six of the nation's largest banks, and eight federal agencies, ArtPlace works to accelerate creative placemaking projects that involve cross-sector partners committed to strengthening the social, physical, and economic fabric of their communities. The initiative defines creative placemaking as "a means of investing in art and culture at the heart of a portfolio of integrated strategies that can drive vibrancy and diversity so powerful that it transforms communities."



**Award:** Up to \$500,000

**Deadline:** November 3, 2014

<http://www.artplaceamerica.org/loi/national-grants-summary/>

### Trust Challenge Fifth Digital Media and Learning Competition

The Competition is an open, international invitation to museums, libraries, school districts, schools, community organizations, app developers, researchers, colleges and universities, and other institutional/organizational partners willing to create collaborations or alliances that address existing real-world challenges to trust in connected-learning environments. Year-long development grants of up to \$150,000 will be awarded for the



development of digital tools that engender trust, safety, and privacy in connected-learning environments and empower learners to connect and learn anywhere, anytime, in ways that are equitable, social, participatory, and interest-driven. Examples of the types of proposed tools include social media, apps, badges, online evaluation tools, online learning content, and privacy tools. Preference will be given to projects that include collaboration between multiple organizations and have the potential to scale.

**Award ceiling:** Up to \$150,000

**Deadline:** November 3, 2014

<http://dmlcompetition.net/building-trust/>

### Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program

Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals are accepting applications for the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program. The program annually honors middle and high school students in the United States who volunteer in communities, at home, or abroad. Local honorees will be selected by school principals, Girl Scout councils, county 4-H groups, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs, and affiliates of the HandsOn Network. Several students in each state and the District of Columbia will be named runners-up, with one middle level and one high school student named a state honoree. State honorees will receive a \$1,000 cash award, a silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., in May for special recognition events. In Washington, a national committee will select America's top youth volunteers from the state honorees.

**Award:** National honorees receive \$5,000 cash awards, gold medallions, crystal trophies for their nominating schools or organizations

**Deadline:** November 4, 2014

<http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page/soc>

### The Fishman Prize for Superlative Classroom Practice

The \$25,000 Fishman Prize for Superlative Classroom Practice – named for acclaimed DC Public Schools teacher Shira Fishman – is an annual award for exceptionally effective teachers working in high-poverty public schools. In addition to receiving \$25,000 each, Fishman Prize winners participate in an intensive summer residency during which they reflect deeply on their classroom practice, explore the larger issues that shape their profession, and write a short paper on their teaching practices to share with other educators and leaders worldwide. The residency allows the winners to share their expertise with educators across the country without taking time away from the classrooms where they do their best work.



**Award:** \$25,000

**Deadline:** November 4, 2014

<http://tntp.org/fishman-prize>

### National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics works to ensure equitable mathematics learning of the highest quality for all students through the vision, leadership, and professional development of mathematics teachers. To that end, NCTM is accepting applications for its Emerging Teacher-Leaders in Elementary School Mathematics Grants for Grades Pre-K–5 Teachers program, which aims to increase the breadth and depth of the mathematics content knowledge of one elementary school teacher who has a demonstrated commitment to mathematics teaching and learning. Grants of up to \$6,000 will be awarded for the professional development of an elementary school mathematics teacher with mathematics content expertise. Grantees will be expected to provide ongoing professional development to teachers within the school or district to strengthen their mathematical understanding and instructional practices. This must include sustained in-service programs focused on improving the content knowledge of the elementary teachers within the school or district and working with teachers in their classrooms through demonstration teaching or co-teaching. To be eligible, applicants must be current NCTM members (on or before October 15, 2014); be a classroom (elementary school) teacher with at least three years of experience; and have mathematics as a regular teaching responsibility.



**Award:** Up to \$6,000

**Deadline:** November 7, 2014

<http://www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=1310>

### National Youth Leadership Council Youth Leadership for Service-Learning Excellence Award

The National Youth Leadership Council would like to recognize K-12 service-learning programs and projects that demonstrate outstanding youth leadership through its 2015 Youth Leadership for Service-Learning Excellence Award. The

award focuses on projects that uniquely demonstrate youth leadership for service-learning excellence incorporating key elements of high-quality service-learning and having a sustainable impact on the participants and the broader community. Representatives from the National Youth Leadership Council will review applications. One winner will be selected to receive this award at More Powerful Together in Washington D.C., April 9-11, 2015. The winner will receive \$1,000 to support the program, along with travel, lodging, and registration for the conference for two youth participants and one adult leader. Each youth involved in the winning program will receive an award certificate.

**Award:** Up to \$1,000

**Deadline:** November 7, 2014

[http://servicelearningconference.org/2015/get\\_involved/awards.php](http://servicelearningconference.org/2015/get_involved/awards.php)

### Using Music to Teach Mathematics Grant

The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics is accepting applications from teachers of pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade mathematics for projects that incorporate music into the elementary school classroom to help young students learn mathematics. For 2015-16, grants of up to \$3,000 will be awarded to individuals, classroom teachers, or small groups of teachers collaborating in one grade or across grade levels. Any acquisition of equipment must support the proposed plan but not be the primary focus of the grant. Proposals must address the combining of mathematics and music, planning for improving students' learning of mathematics, and/or the anticipated impact on students' achievement.

**Award:** Up to \$3,000

**Deadline:** November 7, 2014

<http://www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=1318>

### The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics supports teachers with the aim of ensuring equitable mathematics learning of the highest quality for all students through vision, leadership, professional development, and research. To that end, NCTM is accepting applications for its Teacher Professional Development Grants for Grades 6–8 Teachers Grant program, which supports professional development to improve the teaching competence of one or more classroom math teachers. For 2015–16, grants of up to \$3,000 each will be awarded to persons currently teaching mathematics in grades 6-8. The proposal must delineate the teacher(s)' professional development plan and address how the proposed project will improve the teacher(s)' competence and affect students' learning. While the grant does not fund the purchase of technology, proposals including professional development involving the use of technology to enhance student learning are encouraged.

**Award:** \$3,000

**Deadline:** November 7, 2014

<http://www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=1314>

### Artists Involved In Social Change

The Surdna Foundation's Thriving Cultures program seeks to fund compelling projects that artists develop in response to their communities' specific challenges, as well as projects of artists whose long-term, deeply-rooted work has increased social engagement without necessarily being explicitly defined as "activist." Grants awarded will range from \$25,000 to \$150,000 over one- to two-year periods. The RFP is open to both nonprofit organizations and individual artists and culture bearers.



**Award:** \$25,000 to \$150,000

**Deadline:** November 12, 2014

<http://www.surdna.org/rfp>

### Westinghouse Electric Company N-Visioning A Brighter Future

Westinghouse Electric Company is looking to fund elementary, middle or high schools STEM-based hands-on projects. Any creative hands-on project dealing with STEM will be considered. Projects must be completed during the current school year. Grants may be used to compensate experts who come to work with students, but not to pay teachers or staff. Funds may also be used to purchase equipment or to provide field trip transportation. Equipment and trips should be just one component of a well-planned project, integrated with other curriculum materials and activities. Grants can be used to help cover the cost of materials, supplies and other expenses conducting local workshops or training sessions.



**Award:** Up to \$3,000

**Deadline:** November 14, 2014

<http://westinghousenuclear.com/About/Community-and-Education/Educational-Grant>

## **We've Done Some Remodeling!**

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<http://www.dadegetsgrants.net/>

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<http://www.dadegetsgrants.net/#!/identifying-funding-sources--/c193h>

### **American Turkish Society Curriculum Development Grants**

Grants are intended to support elementary and secondary school teachers in the United States working to develop innovative curricula, projects, or other classroom activities about Turkey. Through the annual program, selected teachers will visit SEV Schools in Turkey, where they will be able to engage with teachers about their curriculum development work. Workshops will be arranged to facilitate the dialogue. Once selected, grantees will be free to develop their proposed projects without editorial input from the society. Grants of up to \$2,500 will be awarded to cover the costs of research, materials, speakers, and other expenses incurred by the school or teacher. Preference is given to schools that do not currently have Turkey-related programs in place.



**Award:** Up to \$2,500

**Deadline:** November 15, 2014

<http://americanturkishsociety.org/eventfiles/Curriculum%20Development%20Grant%20Application%20Spring%202015.pdf>

### **FPL Teacher Grants**

As part of our commitment to STEM education, Florida Power and Light Company will make teacher grants to educators in the 2014/2015 school year for projects related to energy and engineering. FPL is providing grants between \$500 and \$1,000 to public, private and charter school teachers conducting classroom projects related to energy. Please note grants are limited to teachers that work in school districts that receive their power from FPL. Teachers working in public, private or charter schools are eligible.



**Award:** \$500 and \$1,000

**Deadline:** November 15, 2014

<http://www.fpl.com/community/learning/funding.shtml>

### **International Reading Association Regie Routman Teacher Recognition Grant**

The International Reading Association (IRA) is a nonprofit network of individuals and institutions committed to worldwide literacy. More than 53,000 members strong, the association supports literacy professionals through a range of resources, advocacy efforts, volunteerism, and professional development activities. To help further its mission, IRA is accepting applications for the 2015 Regie Routman Teacher Recognition grant. A single grant of \$2,500 will be awarded to an outstanding elementary school teacher dedicated to improving the teaching and learning of reading and writing across the curriculum. To be eligible, a teacher must be a member of IRA and at least 60 percent of his/her school's students must be eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.



**Award:** \$2,500

**Deadline:** November 15, 2014

[http://www.reading.org/Resources/AwardsandGrants/teachers\\_routman.aspx](http://www.reading.org/Resources/AwardsandGrants/teachers_routman.aspx)

### **Lights On Afterschool**

STEMfinity is proud to join more than one million Americans and thousands of communities in celebrating Lights On Afterschool, an annual event that helps to raise awareness about the need for programs that keep kids safe, inspire them to learn and help working families. Supporters of Lights On Afterschool believe that schools can't do it alone and that meaningful, active collaboration with out-of-school programs are critical. We know that access to an array of quality, informal STEM learning opportunities can make a huge difference in the lives of youth. We also know that strong partnerships between informal learning institutions can help to maximize the use of shared resources and foster creative solutions to community needs. To help celebrate, we're giving away more than \$2500 worth of prizes, including one of our STEMfinity 3-D Printer Prize Packs, which includes the 3-D Systems Cube Gen3 3-D Printer and a Glow-in-the-Dark Green PLA Cartridge, along with 20 other project-based STEM related prize



packages! Whether you're a parent, teacher or afterschool provider, anyone can celebrate Lights On Afterschool by registering an event. If you aren't sure how to get involved, the Lights On Afterschool event planning kit can help you find bright ideas for getting started, including sample materials, planning checklists, case studies and activity ideas. You can also use the Find an Event tool to help you search for events to attend in your area.

**Award:** More than \$2500 worth of prizes

**Deadline:** Voting closes on November 17, 2014

<http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/loa.cfm>

## National Science Teachers Association Shell Science Teaching Award

This annual program recognizes an outstanding K-12 classroom teacher who has had a positive impact on his/her students, school, and community through exemplary science teaching. The award includes a \$10,000 cash prize and an all-expense paid trip to attend the National Science Teachers Association national conference; two finalists also will receive all-expense-paid trips to the conference. Nominees must be K-12 classroom teachers whose responsibilities include teaching science. In addition, nominees must have a minimum of eight years of experience (not including the current school year) as a teacher of science, and must teach in a private or public school in the United States, a U.S. territory, a Department of Defense school, or Canada.

**Award:** Up to \$10,000

**Deadline:** November 18, 2014

<http://www.nsta.org/about/awards.aspx>

## Air Force Association Educator Grants

Every school year, the Air Force Association gives up to \$250 to projects that significantly influence student learning. The Educator Grant Program promotes aerospace education activities in K-12 classrooms and encourages development of innovative aerospace activities within the prescribed curriculum. The grant process is competitive in nature. A committee comprised of outside experts in the field of aerospace education will review all qualified grant applications and make recommendations on funding. Based upon the funding available, the Association will choose to invest in projects that best serve our nation's students and support the mission of the Air Force Association.



**Award:** Up to \$250

**Deadline:** November 19, 2014

<http://www.afa.org/AFA/InformationFor/Teachers/EducatorGrants>

## Verizon Innovative App Challenge

The Verizon Innovative App Challenge is an exciting, creative, and collaborative competition that offers \$20,000 grants for winning middle schools and high schools and Samsung Galaxy Tablets for students on the winning teams. Designed to ignite students' interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), the Challenge shows students exciting new possibilities for their futures, opening doors they may never have known were there. While designing their apps, students consider marketplace need, usefulness, audience, viability, and align their app concept with one of the three Verizon Foundation focus areas of Education, Healthcare or Sustainability. Teams submit their design concepts online through an App Concept Overview and Summary, a three-to-five minute Video, and Essay Responses. The top middle school and top high school teams that meet all contest requirements will be named "Best in State" and be eligible for consideration as "Best in Region" winners. Team members will be invited to participate in a live STEM related webinar hosted by the Verizon Foundation.

**Award:** Up to \$20,000

**Deadline:** November 24, 2014

<http://appchallenge.tsaweb.org/>



## Paul G. Allen Family Foundation Teach for the Planet Challenge

DonorsChoose.org, in partnership with the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, is accepting submissions from K-12 teachers across the country for the Teach for the Planet Challenge. The program aims to support high-impact, hands-on classroom projects that promote sustainability education. To participate in the challenge, teachers can submit their best sustainability projects on DonorsChoose.org. The Allen Family Foundation will match all donations to qualifying projects. Projects must demonstrate innovation in the way an environmental or sustainability lesson is taught. DonorsChoose.org will choose sixty semifinalists, and an expert panel will narrow that down to three finalists per grade category (K-2, grades 3-5, grades 6-8, and high school). Finalists and their projects will be posted on Facebook in December 2014 and the public will be invited

to vote for their favorite in each grade category. The teacher in each grade category whose project receives the most votes will receive a \$10,000 DonorsChoose.org gift card to apply toward future project requests. Finalists in each category will receive \$3,000 DonorsChoose.org gift cards, while semifinalists will receive \$750 gift cards.

**Award:** Up to \$10,000

**Deadline:** November 30, 2014

<http://www.donorschoose.org/teachfortheplanet?id=20483351&home=true>

## December 2014

### International Technology and Engineering Educators Association

The Foundation for Technology and Engineering Educators in cooperation with Pitsco/Hearlihy & Company proudly announces the \$2,000 Pitsco/Hearlihy/FTEE Grant in honor of Tom and Mary Hearlihy. The grant is for a technology and engineering teacher at any grade level (K-12). Its purpose is to recognize and encourage the integration of a quality technology and engineering education program within the school curriculum. Criteria includes: (1) evidence of an effective quality technology and engineering education program; (2) documented success in the integration of technology and engineering education with other academic subjects; and (3) plans for professional development via the anticipated grant.

**Award:** \$2,000

**Deadline:** December 1, 2014

<http://www.iteea.org/Awards/granthearlihy.htm>

### Child-Centered Garden Programs

KidsGardening.org, a resource of the National Gardening Association (NGA), awards Youth Garden Grants to schools and community organizations throughout the U.S. with child-centered garden programs. Applicant schools and organizations must plan to garden with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18. Twenty programs will receive a \$500 gift certificate to the Gardening with Kids online store. Each winning program will also receive a tool package from Ames, plant starts from Bonnie Plants, and seed donations. Application guidelines and forms are available by visiting website.

**Award:** \$500

**Deadline:** December 5, 2014

<http://grants.kidsgardening.org>



### Sodexo Foundation Announces Stephen J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarships

The Sodexo Foundation, which works to ensure that every child in the United States grows up with dependable access to enough nutritious food to fuel a healthy and productive life, is inviting applications for its Stephen J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarship program. The national program honors the efforts of students — from kindergarten to graduate school — who are working to end hunger in the United States. The program honors students working to build awareness and mobilize youth as catalysts for innovative solutions to ending hunger in U.S. communities in their lifetime. To be eligible, students must be enrolled in an accredited education institution in the United States and be able to demonstrate an ongoing commitment to hunger-alleviation activities in their community. Up to five students will be selected as national winners, with each receiving a \$5,000 scholarship and a \$5,000 grant for their antihunger charity of choice.

**Award:** \$5,000 scholarship, \$5,000 grant for anti-hunger charity, and twenty \$1,000 donations to preferred charities

**Deadline:** December 5, 2014

[http://www.sodexofoundation.org/hunger\\_us/scholarships/scholarships.asp](http://www.sodexofoundation.org/hunger_us/scholarships/scholarships.asp)



### Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's Tylenol National Child Care Teachers Awards

Recognizing the need to raise the status of child care teachers and the need for quality child care, the Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation (TLLCCF) created the Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's TYLENOL® National Child Care Teacher Awards. This award acknowledges the critical role of child care teachers in providing quality early care and education. Child care teachers from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and on U.S. Military bases and installations around the world are invited to apply. Fifty teachers are selected for their commitment and dedication to the children they serve. Of the top ten recipients, one is selected to receive the Helene Marks Award and is named the National Child Care Teacher of the Year. As a part of the application process, each applicant is asked to design a classroom enhancement project for the children they teach, illustrating the educational, social, and emotional benefits of the project. A committee of early childhood educators and specialists review the applications. Award recipients receive \$500-\$1,000 for the teacher's

personal use and \$500 to implement the project. An award ceremony takes place each spring in Pennsylvania - hotel and transportation are provided for the recipients. The event celebrates the best and the most dedicated child care teachers.

**Award:** Up to \$1,000

**Deadline:** December 8, 2014

[http://www.tllccf.org/pr\\_nccta.php](http://www.tllccf.org/pr_nccta.php)

### Casio's LampFree® Projector Education Grant

Casio America, Inc.'s LampFree Projector Division is pleased to announce the Casio LampFree Education Grant Contest. Casio will provide (1) LampFree Ultra Short-Throw Projector to the (50) winning eligible schools from each state (one per state). To enter the grant contest, schools must first educate students on mercury and how it can affect a young person's health. At the end of the lesson students will be asked to write an essay on "How to reduce the hazards of mercury on a young person's health". Each school will select the best essay and submit it to this website. Then schools will ask family and friends to vote on the essay. The school with the most votes for their state will be awarded a mercury-free projector.

**Award:** Casio Ultra Short Throw projector worth \$2,000

**Deadline:** December 31, 2014

<http://www.casiolampfree.com/educationgrant>

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The Miami Foundation

# GiveMiami day

Support The Foundation For New Initiatives! Give on November 20, 2014!

Give Miami Day is a unique, 24 hour online giving event that allows individuals in our community an opportunity to build a greater Miami by making a charitable gift to a local nonprofit.

The Foundation for New Education Initiatives, Inc. was created by the Miami-Dade County School Board to enhance student achievement and community engagement in support of The Parent Academy and other educational initiatives of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

<http://www.giveourstudentstheworld.org/>

## January

### Batters Up USA Equipment Grant

Batters Up USA® provides free baseball/softball equipment, primarily bats, balls, tee ball sets, helmets, catcher's gear, and bases to local organizations to support the start up of new programs or to assist existing programs to grow. We serve boys and girls recreational programs up to age 13. Priority is given to those programs serving a high percentage of youth in need such as inner-city and after-school programs. We have contributed to many such programs run by parks departments, schools, Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA's Police Athletic Leagues, independent local leagues, Little League, and the other organized youth baseball/softball organization. We also support the American the American Baseball Federation Basic after-school reading/baseball program with equipment and reading materials. Batters Up USA® will provide the safety type baseballs and softballs so that the games may be played without gloves and to minimize the risk of ball impact injuries. Equipment will be provided on an 'as available' basis; first come, first served.

**Award:** Unspecified amount of baseball and softball equipment

**Deadline:** New grant applications open January 1, 2015

<http://www.battersupusa.org/Equipment.html>

## National School Library Program of the Year (NSLPY) Award honors

Established in 1963, the National School Library Program of the Year (NSLPY) Award honors school library programs practicing their commitment to ensure that students and staff are effective users of ideas and information, as well as exemplifying implementation of American Association of School Librarian's learning standards and program guidelines. The award recognizes exemplary school library programs that are fully integrated into the school's curriculum. Exemplary school library programs ensure that the students and staff are effective users of ideas and information. These programs empower learners to be critical thinkers, enthusiastic readers, skillful researchers and ethical users of information.

**Award:** \$10,000

**Deadline:** January 1, 2015

<http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards/nslpy>

## The Education Fund Teacher Mini-Grants Program

The Education Fund is now accepting applications for their Teacher Mini-Grant Program. Teacher Mini-Grants provide funds to teachers to develop and implement instructional projects that motivate and challenge students to learn. Proposals should be unique classroom projects that enliven and enrich the curriculum. Many past grants have included interdisciplinary, active-learning lessons. Others have reinforced learning through simulations or applied school work to real-life situations. Teacher Mini-Grants are awarded in all content areas. In addition, several grants will be funded in each of the following categories: Literary - Programs that motivate students to be lifelong readers & build in students a love of literature; Robotics - Any hands-on project that provides materials for students to design, build and program robotics.

**Award:** Up to \$1,000

**Deadline:** January 3, 2014

<http://www.educationfund.org/programs/teacherminigrantsprogram/>



## American Association of University Women Community Action Grants

The American Association of University Women is now accepting application for 2014-15 Community Action Grants. Community Action Grants provide funds to individuals, as well as local community-based nonprofit organizations, for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equality for women and girls. Applicants must be women who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Nonprofit organizations must be based in the United States. Grant projects must have direct public impact, be nonpartisan, and take place within the United States or its territories. Special consideration is given to projects focused on K-12 and community college girls' and women's achievements in science, technology, engineering, or math. American Association of University Women provides grants in two categories; one-year grants range from \$2,000 to \$7,000 and provide funding for community-based projects. Topic areas are unrestricted but should include a clearly defined activity that advances equity from women and girls. Two year grants range from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and provide start-ups funds for new projects that address the particular needs of the community and develop girls' sense of efficacy through leadership, advocacy, or training opportunities. Funds support planning activities, coalition building, implementation and evaluation.

**Award:** Up to \$10,000

**Deadline:** January 15, 2015

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/community-action-grants/>



## February

### Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation Christopher Columbus Award Program

This is a national community-based STEM contest for middle school students. The program challenges students in grades six to eight working in teams of three to four with an adult coach to identify a problem in their community and apply the scientific method to create an innovative solution to that problem. The program can be implemented in science or social studies classes, for cross-curricular use in team teaching or block-scheduled classes, or as an afterschool program. Eight finalist teams and their coaches will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Walt Disney World to attend the program's National Championship Week and compete for cash prizes as well as development grants of \$200 to further refine their ideas. Two gold medal-winning teams will receive \$2,000 per team member as well as a medal for each team member.

**Award:** \$2,000

**Deadline:** February 2, 2015

<http://www.christophercolumbusawards.com/awards.php>



### Lemelson-MIT Program 2014 InvenTeam Initiative

The InvenTeam initiative provides opportunities for high school students to cultivate their creativity, curiosity, and problem-solving abilities and apply lessons from science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects to invent technological solutions to real-world problems.

InvenTeams comprised of high school students, teachers, and mentors receive grants to invent technological solutions to a problem of their choice. Projects can range from assistive devices to environmental technologies and consumer goods.

Funds may be allocated for project-related research, materials, and learning experiences. STEM educators at high schools and nonprofit educational organizations who have not received an InvenTeam grant within the past three years are eligible to apply.

**Award:** Up to \$10,000

**Deadline:** February 28, 2015

<http://lemelson.mit.edu/>



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### Humane Society of the United States 2015 National Kind Teacher Award

Each year since 1981, the Humane Society of the United States Foundation has recognized an outstanding pre-K-12 teacher who consistently incorporates humane education into his or her curriculum and/or motivates students to get involved in community service for animals. The winner will receive a framed certificate and a scholarship to Humane Society University's Certified Humane Education Specialist program. To be eligible, nominees must be a pre-K-12 classroom teacher who includes humane lessons in the curriculum or inspires students to act on behalf of animals. Self-nominations are accepted.

**Award:** Framed certificate and a scholarship to Humane Society University's Certified Humane Education Specialist program

**Deadline:** February 15, 2015

[http://www.humanesociety.org/parents\\_educators/award/national\\_kind\\_teacher\\_award.html](http://www.humanesociety.org/parents_educators/award/national_kind_teacher_award.html)



## *Rolling Opportunities*

### Karma for Cara Foundation Mirco-Grants

The Karma for Cara Foundation is encouraging kids 18 and under to apply for funds between \$250 and \$1,000 to complete service projects in their communities. Whether it is turning a vacant lot into a community garden, rebuilding a school playground or helping senior citizens get their homes ready for winter, they want to hear what project you're passionate about. Karma for Cara Foundation is a non-profit founded by 21-year-old Cara Becker and her family while she was being treated for leukemia at Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center in October of 2012.

**Award:** Up to \$1,000

**Deadline:** Rolling

[http://www.ysa.org/karma\\_for\\_cara\\_foundation](http://www.ysa.org/karma_for_cara_foundation)

### Kinder Morgan Foundation

The Kinder Morgan Foundation, the charitable arm of energy company Kinder Morgan, works to help today's science, math, and music students become the engineers, educators, and musicians who will support their diverse communities for years to come. The foundation supports K-12 programs that promote the academic and artistic interests of young people in cities and towns across North America where Kinder Morgan operates. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded for academic programs including: tutoring; arts education programs; and environmental education programs that work with local schools and meets curriculum standards.

**Award:** \$5,000

**Deadline:** The tenth of every other month

[http://www.kindermorgan.com/community/km\\_foundation\\_guidelines.cfm](http://www.kindermorgan.com/community/km_foundation_guidelines.cfm)

### Seed Grants for Social Entrepreneurs

The Pollination Project is accepting applications from individuals working to make their community and the world a better place in the areas of arts and culture, community health and wellness, the environment, and justice. Seed grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to social entrepreneurs for projects in the early stages of development, including those that promote compassion toward all life (people, planet, and animals), environmental sustainability, justice in all its forms, community health and wellness, and social change-oriented arts and culture. To be eligible, applicants must be

passionate, committed individuals with a social change vision that fits within one or more of the above-mentioned categories. Established nonprofit organizations with paid staff will not be considered.

**Award:** \$1,000

**Deadline:** Rolling

<http://thepollinationproject.org/funding-guidelines/>

### Chatlos Foundation, Inc. Grants

The Chatlos Foundation supports nonprofit organizations in the United States under the following areas of interests: Bible Colleges/Seminaries; Religious Causes; Medical Concerns; Liberal Arts Colleges and Social Concerns. Award ceiling: \$25,000 (varies by funding category). On an initial basis, the Foundation tends to fund requests for amounts less than \$10,000. There are no deadlines for submission of a request. All requests are responded to in writing. Only those nonprofit organizations based in the United States and recognized as tax exempt by the IRS may apply for a grant.

**Award:** \$10,000 to \$25,000 maximum

**Deadline:** Rolling

<http://www.chatlos.org/giving.htm>

### Family Literacy – Wish You Well Foundation

The Wish You Well Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations that promote family literacy in the United States. The focus of the Foundation's grant-making is on the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs. Grants generally range from \$2,000 to \$10,000. Requests may be submitted at any time and are reviewed four times per year. Visit the website to download the Donation Request Form.

**Award:** Up to \$10,000

**Deadline:** Rolling

<http://wishyouwellfoundation.org>

### Walmart Foundation - Community Giving Grant Programs

The Walmart Foundation offers grants in four key areas of focus: Hunger Relief & Healthy Eating; Sustainability; Women's Economic Empowerment; and Career Opportunity. Eligible applicants: Organizations with current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3), (4), (6), or (19); Recognized government entities; K-12 Public Schools/Districts; Charter Schools; Community/Junior Colleges; State Colleges and Universities; and Private schools with current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Four different giving programs are offered: National, State, Local and Northwest Arkansas.

**Award:** Ceilings vary according to giving program

**Deadline:** Rolling

<http://foundation.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/>



### Surdna Foundation Thriving Cultures Program: Artistic Communities

This program honors and celebrates the artistic impulse as part of community behavior and as a way to strengthen community identity and cohesion. Grants are provided to nonprofit organizations that address the following three lines of work: (1) Teens' Artistic Advancement; (2) Artists Engaging in Social Change; and (3) Community Driven Design. Online letters of inquiry that focus on these areas are accepted throughout the year. Applications are accepted from nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that are based in the United States with U.S. based projects.

**Award:** \$35,000 to \$80,000 annually

**Deadline:** Various deadlines – see website, ongoing up to December 3, 2023

<http://www.surdna.org/what-we-fund/thriving-cultures/80.html>

### Do Something Seed Grants

Are you working to start a community action project or program with your friends? Do you need money to put your ideas into action? A \$500 Do Something Seed Grant is given out every week to help young people just like YOU! These grants can be used towards project ideas and programs that are just getting started, or to jump-start your program and realize your ideas for the first time. These grants can also be used towards projects that are already developed and sustainable, towards the next steps of your project and organization to help you as you look to expand your project and grow your impact.

**Award:** \$500

**Deadline:** Rolling

<https://www.dosomething.org/grants/database/do-something-1>



## Coral Gables Community Foundation

The mission of the Coral Gables Community Foundation is to foster program and initiatives that enhance the quality of life for people living and working in "The City Beautiful" Coral Gables. Grants are awarded in the Foundation's areas of interests which include: education; arts and culture; health services; historical preservation; and social services (for elderly, youth and disabled). Eligible applicants are 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations. Those wishing to apply for funding should write a letter stating the specific need for funding and attaching a copy of the organization's 501(c)(3) status.

**Award:** Various – ceiling not specified

**Deadline:** Grants are reviewed on a quarterly basis ongoing to October 30, 2023

<http://www.gablesfoundation.org/charitable-giving/grants>

## Fender Music Foundation Guitar Donation Program

The Fender Music Foundation provides instruments and equipment for eligible nonprofit music instruction programs. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Awarded items are lightly used, blemished, or otherwise imperfect and have been collected by the foundation from manufacturers and retailers. The foundation is currently awarding acoustic guitars, electric guitars, acoustic-electric guitars, bass guitars, and the equipment necessary to play them. However, other traditional music instruments, including string, woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments, as well as keyboards, are sometimes available. The foundation awards instruments only to music instruction programs offered by public schools or 501(c)3 tax-exempt organizations. Eligible programs must involve either in-school music classes in which students make music; afterschool music programs that are not run by the school; community music programs that offer music instruction to community members; or music therapy programs in which the participants actively make music.

**Award:** Used musical instruments, as available

**Deadline:** Rolling

<http://www.fendermusicfoundation.org/>

## Community Improvement and Public Education

The Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation Community Grants range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 and are provided for community improvement initiatives and K-12 public education projects. Funding priorities for community improvement initiatives include park, neighborhood, and community facility enhancements; outdoor learning programs; and community clean-ups. Requests may be submitted at any time. Visit [www.lowes.com](http://www.lowes.com) to take the eligibility test and submit an online application.

**Award:** \$5,000 to \$25,000

**Deadline:** Rolling

[http://www.lowes.com/cd\\_Corporate+Citizenship\\_674540029](http://www.lowes.com/cd_Corporate+Citizenship_674540029)

## JP Morgan Chase Community Giving Program

The JPMorgan Chase Foundation directs the majority of its time, attention, and investment toward specific neighborhoods in cities where they have major operations. These neighborhoods are typically among the most challenged areas of major urban centers, defined by unacceptably high rates of poverty and historic disinvestment. The firm's philanthropic investments are directed toward three primary focus areas: Community Development; Education; and Arts and Culture. To be considered for support, a potential grantee must first submit an online Letter of Inquiry. Grant applications may be submitted throughout the year.

**Award:** Eligibility and award ceiling not specified

**Deadline:** Rolling

<http://www.jpmorganchase.com/corporate/Corporate-Responsibility/grant-programs.htm>



## Kaboom! Let's Play Joint Use Grants for Previously Unavailable Playgrounds

Grant applications are accepted from communities working to establish joint use agreements to re-open playground and recreational facilities previously unavailable due to safety and upkeep concerns. Let's Play Joint Use grants will support creation of joint-use agreements between local governments and school districts that address cost concerns related to safety, vandalism, maintenance, and liability issues to re-open previously unavailable playgrounds and recreational facilities. Grants can be used for training and technical assistance, utilities and other building related to the extra use of the facility, legal fees, contract security services, and marketing campaigns related to the joint-use agreement. Grant recipients must commit to opening the playgrounds within twelve months of the grant decision.

**Award:** \$30,000

**Deadline:** Rolling

[http://kaboom.org/joint\\_use](http://kaboom.org/joint_use)

### **Easton Sports Development Foundation, Inc., Grants for Archery or Bow Hunting**

Each year, this foundation gives grants that benefit archery and bow hunting programs. Requests for less than \$25,000 are accepted at any time. Grant requests that exceed \$25,000 may also receive funding if submitted before March 1 or September 1 of each year. Applications may be submitted by schools and qualified 501(c)3 organizations. Applicants that are not qualified 501(c)3 organizations may also receive funding but may be required to submit additional information for the Grant Committee to review before making its decision.

**Award:** Amount not specified

**Deadline:** Rolling

<http://www.esdf.org/apply-for-grant/>

### **National Inclusion Project Grants**

Through this funder, financial assistance can be provided for a child to participate in approved inclusive programs. Any funding dispensed will be given to the approved program or organization. Families with a combined household income of less than \$75,000 are eligible to apply. Upon submission, a National Inclusion Project representative will contact the desired program to determine if the program will successfully include the child in order to designate them as an approved program. Recipients will be eligible for support for a maximum of two years. Applications are accepted year-round.

**Award:** \$1,000 for one year

**Deadline:** Rolling

<http://www.inclusionproject.org/for-programs/how-to-partner-with-us/>

### **World We Want Foundation - Youth for Social Change Projects**

The World We Want Foundation is accepting applications from organizations that represent youth making positive social change in their communities and around the world. Grants will be awarded to youth between the ages of 13 and 25 who want to make a difference through a range of social action activities, including community service projects, service-learning projects, and social ventures. Qualified applications must have a project team of one or more youths, a partner organization that supports and sponsors the team, and a project mentor to guide and advise the team.

**Award:** \$5,000

**Deadline:** Rolling

<http://theworldwewantfoundation.org/start-your-project>

### **Waste Management Charitable Giving**

Waste Management supports causes that promote civic pride, economic development and revitalization. Focus areas include: Environment (help provide renewable resources to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and to conserving and maintaining wetlands, wildlife habitats and green spaces for people's enjoyment); Environmental Education (Support environmental education programs targeted at middle and high school students); and Causes important to the areas where we operate (programs that help make them cleaner and better places to live as identified by Local Waste Management facilities). The key to ensuring the preservation of the environment is learning about the importance of protecting it and acting in an environmentally responsible manner. Waste Management prefers to support environmental education programs targeted at middle and high school students. This includes environmental and science related projects, science fairs, Earth Day projects and others. Applications are accepted year round and are reviewed on a continuous basis. Expect about a two-month review time.

**Award:** Unspecified

**Deadline:** Rolling

<http://www.wm.com/about/community/charitable-giving.jsp>

### **Vulnerable Children's Programs**

The Dorothea Haus Ross Foundation supports nonprofits that serve vulnerable children in the United States and around the world. Grants offer direct aid to children in need, including those who are ill, orphaned, disabled, injured, abused, or malnourished as well as children who have limited access to education. Most grants are one-time awards in the range of \$1,000 to \$15,000. Letters of inquiry are accepted throughout the year. Visit their website to review the funding priorities and guidelines.

**Award:** \$1,000 to \$15,000

**Deadline:** On-going

[www.dhrossfoundation.org](http://www.dhrossfoundation.org)

## Alcoholism Awareness and Prevention

The Christopher D. Smithers Foundation seeks to inform the public that alcoholism is a treatable disease from which people can and do recover and encourages prevention programs and activities. Grants support a range of issues related to alcoholism, including prevention, treatment, research, public education, and creating awareness of alcoholism problems in the work world. While a number of grants go to national organizations, regional and local organizations across the country are also eligible to receive funds.

**Award:** Various

**Deadline:** On-going

[www.smithersfoundation.org](http://www.smithersfoundation.org)

## Pathway to Financial Success Grants for High School Financial Education

Pathway to Financial Success, a charitable program administered by Discover Financial Services, aims to arm parents and children with the skills they need to succeed, preparing them for a brighter, more responsible financial future. The program is accepting applications from public high schools in the United States that are planning to implement a financial education program into the curriculum. Eligibility: applications must be submitted by a public high school planning to implement a financial education curriculum; that have a measurement tool to assess participation in and comprehension of the financial education curriculum; and that agree to share the results of the tool's pre- and post-curriculum testing with Discover upon programs completion.

**Award:** Grant amounts will be assessed on a program-by-program basis.

**Deadline:** On-going

<http://www.pathwaytofinancialsuccess.org/get-a-grant>

## Enterprise Holdings Foundation Grants

The Foundation was established to allow the company to give back to the communities in which their customers and employees live and work. The Foundation provides charitable support to worthwhile, non-profit initiatives that are actively supported by the company's employees, their spouses and loyal customers in the thousands of local communities where they operate. The Foundation also provides more sizable special grants to non-profit groups or causes of significant strategic or social importance to the company and its employees.

**Award:** \$2,500 to \$5,000

**Deadline:** Rolling

<http://www.enterpriseholdings.com/about-us/corporate-citizenship/grant-faqs/>

## Kresge Foundation Arts and Culture Program Harvesting Leading Practices

The Kresge Foundation's Arts and Culture Program has opened a new grant opportunity for organizations integrating arts and culture into specific community revitalization work. For this call, the program will accept proposals for activities in traditionally disinvested communities that integrate arts and culture in: 1) Public green and civic spaces; and 2) Transit-oriented development projects. Examples include transit networks, "complete streets," sustainable landscapes, and other similar projects. Nonprofit and public entities are eligible to apply. Preliminary applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

**Award:** Various

**Deadline:** Rolling

<http://kresge.org/programs/arts-culture/harvesting-leading-practice>

## First Book National Book Bank Offers Free Books

The First Book National Book Bank distributes large quantities of publisher-donated brand-new books to programs serving children from low-income families. Books are free to organizations that are able to pick them up or just \$0.85 per book to have them shipped. Eligible organizations must register with First Book and be a nonprofit organization serving at least 80% of children from low-income families, a Title 1 school, or a specially designated government institution.

**Award:** Brand-new books

**Deadline:** Rolling

<http://www.firstbook.org/first-book-story/innovation-in-publishing/national-book-bank>

# Recently Received a Grant?

***We want to hear about it!***

Send us an email ([msears@dadeschools.net](mailto:msears@dadeschools.net))

including the following:

- ✓ Name of school
- ✓ Grant program
- ✓ Purpose
- ✓ Awarded amount

Your school could be featured in our next newsletter.

## Coral Gables Senior High CAVALIER CHORUS WINS Again!



Coral Gables Senior High School's CAVALIER CHORUS group wins a \$4,500 grant from the Coral Gables Community Foundation. The money will go towards the group's New York trip to Carnegie Hall. The chorus group also received the Gold Status award in the competition held in Williamsburg, VA. . . . Go Cavaliers!

### Grant Trainings 2014-2015 For M-DCPS Teachers & Administrators

Workshop	Date
Intermediate Grant Writing*	November 4, 2014
Basics of Grant Writing	January 16, 2015
Basics of Grant Writing	February 17, 2015
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